

## House Resolution No. 1863

**Whereas**, as the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

**Whereas**, the Hazelwood School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on June 3, 2008, with the retirement of Judy Luebke Kooi who has devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

**Whereas**, Judy Kooi has taught Early Childhood Special Education for twenty-one years at Hazelwood, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

**Whereas**, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Judy Kooi taught for the Kennedy Early Education Program and at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Joliet, Illinois, prior to assuming her responsibilities at Hazelwood; and

**Whereas**, Judy Kooi has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

**Whereas**, a recipient of the Rookie of the Year award and the Teacher of the Year award, Judy Kooi earned a Bachelor's degree at Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Illinois, and a Master's degree at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois; and

**Whereas**, a member of Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, Judy Kooi has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Bill Kooi; one brother and sister-in-law, Chuck and Betty Luebke, and their children; three stepchildren and their families, Kristen Monte, Lauren Jones, and Stephen Kooi; and three canine companions, Muffin, Patches, and Teddy:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Hazelwood School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Judy Kooi has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Judy Luebke Kooi, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Clint Zweifel  
District No. 78

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No.1863, adopted April 15, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker